In the Supreme Court of the United States.

OCTOBER TERM, 1903.

THE UNITED STATES, APPELLANT,
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MOTION TO ADVANCE.

The Solicitor-General respectfully moves the court to advance these causes, and in support of the motion suggests the following grounds:

The questions involved relate to the construction of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1899, commonly known as the Navy Personnel Act (30 Stat. L., 1004).

These are test cases affecting the current rate of pay of most of the officers of the Navy who are serving in vessels outside the waters of the United States.

As the present rate of pay of these officers is in doubt until these cases are decided, both the pay

officers of the Navy and the accounting officers of the Treasury are interested in the early settlement of the question. The large number of officers, generally in active service, who are affected by the cases also seems to present a strong reason for prompt hearing and determination.

Counsel for the claimant, Charles M. Thomas, concurs in this motion.

It is suggested that the cases be set down for argument in January or early in February.

HENRY M. HOYT,
Solicitor-General.

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